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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Status: Relocation of European Air Assets to the ZI

1. Based on verbal approval in principle, personnel of the Development Projects Division, DD/P, have had numerous meetings with USAF, USAFE, Frankfurt, and Wiesbaden personnel to initiate basic planning for an orderly move of the European air assets to a ZI location. It is felt that the results of these preliminary discussions provide adequate information for a detailed relocation plan and an effective clandestine air capability.

2. Upon determination of the ZI location and approval of activation date (15 May - 15 June) key personnel will be assigned to the unit in order to:

- a. Lease housing for contract crews.
- b. Develop maintenance capability prior to arrival of aircraft.
- c. Establish base support facilities.
- d. Establish mechanism for receiving other unit personnel.

3. Upon completion of action in paragraph 2 above (on or before 1 July) the following actions will take place:

- a. Transfer the RB-69 and one C-54 (57 T) to the ZI base.
- b. Airlift all equipment, spare parts, etc., from Wiesbaden to the ZI.
- c. Transfer one [] crew with dependents in the Agency C-118 to the ZI base. This crew will provide a C-54 and an RB-69 capability.

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4. Upon completion of actions in paragraph 3 above (1 August - 15 August) the final phase of the move should take place. The actions in this phase are:

a. Transfer the C-118, C-54 (50558), and remaining crew with dependents to the 71 location.

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5. It is hoped that in the immediate future the USAF will submit for our selection those bases that will be capable of supporting our unit.

6. It is recognized that there are several variables in our planning to date. However, on or about 1 September when we hope to have the unit operational we will have in being a capability for satisfying requirements on a timely world-wide basis.

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